



Public Declaration of Interests and Confidentiality Undertaking of European Medicines Agency (EMA)

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND EXPERTS

I, **Marika Ruponen**

Organisation/Company: N/A

Country: Finland

Declare on my honour that, to the best of my knowledge, the only direct or indirect interests I have in the pharmaceutical industry are those listed below:

1.1 Employment

No interest declared

1.2 Consultancy

No interest declared

1.3 Strategic advisory role

No interest declared

1.4 Financial interests

No interest declared

1.5 Principal investigator

No interest declared

1.6 Investigator

No interest declared

1.7 Grant / Funding to organisation /institution

No interest declared

1.8 Close family member interest

No interest declared

1.9 Repurposing of a medicinal product

No interest declared

1.10 Any other interests or facts

At the moment I am working part_time in Finnish Medicines Agency (80%) and in the University of Eastern Finland, School of Pharmacy (20%). The position in Finnish Medicines Agency is not permanent. At the University I have lecturer position which includes teaching of bachelor and master level pharmacy students. Furthermore, I am participating research in the field of ocular drug delivery. In this research group I am supervising PhD students who are doing basic research in ocular drug delivery. The leader of the research group, prof. Arto Urtti, is consulting in many big Pharma companies such as Roche and Bayer. Research group has also some research service activities with some small pharma companies such as DelsiTech and Rebio but I am not involved in these projects.

1.11 Committee for Advanced Therapies (CAT) member or alternate

Not a CAT member or alternate

2.1 Employment

No interest declared

2.2 Consultancy

No interest declared

2.3 Strategic advisory role

No interest declared

2.4 Financial interests

No interest declared

2.5 Principal investigator

No interest declared

2.6 Investigator

No interest declared

2.7 Grant / Funding to organisation /institution

No interest declared

2.8 Close family member interest

No interest declared

2.9 Any other interests or facts

I am actively taking part at the University of Eastern Finland in the project in which we are developing medical device (=eye drops to be applied topically) for the treatment of dry eye disease. The project is funded by Business Finland. The project involves formulation development and pre-clinical experiments. The first in human studies are planned to be performed after the project has ended at the beginning of 2024. At this stage I am not actively participating the project.

CONFIDENTIALITY UNDERTAKING

In view of the following definitions:

"EMA Activities" encompass any meeting (including meeting preparation and follow-up, associated discussion or any other related activity) of the European Medicines Agency's Management Board, Committees, Working Parties, Expert Groups, or any other such meeting; work as an expert on assessments; work as an expert on guidance development.

"Confidential Information" means all information, facts, data and any other matters of which I acquire knowledge, either directly or indirectly, as a result of my EMA Activities.

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- Not to use (or authorise any other person to use) any Confidential Information or Confidential Document other than for the purposes of my work in connection with EMA activities.
- To dispose of Confidential Documents as confidential material as soon as I have no further use for them.
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- Not to disclose any commercially confidential information.

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I confirm the information declared on this form is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and I acknowledge that my information will be stored electronically and published on the EMA website.

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For definitions of activities etc, refer to the policy on handling of competing interests.